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**Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs Division**

**Revised Public Notice and Public Participation Procedures
Regarding Proposed Permit Actions in Hurricane Impacted Areas
(0610Pot1)**

On November 20, 2005, the Department of Environmental Quality published expanded public notice procedures to be used in hurricane impacted areas. Recovery in most of those areas has progressed to the point that the expanded procedures are no longer needed. Therefore, the Department is providing notice that it will revert to the public notice procedures that are required by the Environmental Quality regulations in *Louisiana Administrative Code* Title 33 for public noticing of permitting activities in the previously-defined Category 1 and 2 parishes (**Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Beauregard, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana**).

The previously-defined Category 3 parishes will retain some level of expanded public notice procedures as follows:

Cameron Parish:

In addition to the required public notice procedures provided in LAC Title 33, the notices will be published in the *Lake Charles American Press*.

Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes:

1. In addition to the required public notice procedures provided in LAC Title 33, an additional newspaper will be selected in which to publish the notices. This will be the newspaper with the largest circulation in a parish that physically adjoins the parish in which the facility is located.
2. If not already required to do so, the Department will publish the notices in *The Advocate*, the official state journal.

When arranging public hearings to solicit comments regarding permitting activities, the Department will work with stakeholders to find suitable hearing site locations.

For more information, contact Linda Levy, Administrator, Office of Environmental Services, Environmental Assistance Division, at (225) 219-3241. This notice is available on the Internet at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx.

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